STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3428

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 0 3 2024

RE: S.C.R. No. 29

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 29 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM STRATEGIC PLAN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Department of Agriculture to:

- (1) Support efforts to improve the Aquaculture Development Program Strategic Plan (Strategic Plan); and
- (2) Adopt the recommendations made by Hatch Innovation Services in its February 2024 report regarding the Strategic Plan.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Malama Makua, and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that although the State's aquaculture sector is already well-established, more investment and resources are necessary to strengthen and build the capacity for this growing industry. This measure supports efforts to achieve the dual goals of increasing aquaculture food production and supporting initiatives for restorative aquaculture, thereby

increasing the economic resilience and food sustainability of the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 29 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Agriculture and

Environment,

MIKE GABBARD, Chair

The Senate Thirty-Second Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

Record of Votes Committee on Agriculture and Environment AEN

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)		/			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)					
DECOITE, Lynn					
RHOADS, Karl					
AWA, Brenton					
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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